

**(KEYWORD, SUMMARY, AND DIGEST as amended by Senate committee amendments)**

**HIGHER EDUCATION. Requests the Board of Regents to organize a commission to study the governance, management, and supervision of public postsecondary education.**

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DIGEST

Requests the Board of Regents to create a commission to study the governance, management, and supervision of public postsecondary education and to submit to the legislature a plan for the reorganization of the governance, management, and supervision of postsecondary education not later than 60 days prior to the 2012 R.S.

Provides that the commission shall be comprised as follows:

- (1) Four members appointed by the Board of Regents.
- (2) One member appointed by each of the four public postsecondary education management boards.
- (3) The chairman of the Workforce Investment Council.
- (4) Five members appointed by the governor.
- (5) The chairman of the Senate Committee on Education.
- (6) One member of the Senate Committee on Education, appointed by the chairman thereof.
- (7) The chairman of the House Committee on Education.
- (8) One member of the House Committee on Education, appointed by the chairman thereof.

Provides that the plan shall include not only a proposal of a basic structural arrangement of entities, offices, and institutions but also:

- (1) Evaluation and conclusions regarding creation of a single board to govern public postsecondary institutions.
- (2) A detailed articulation of the distribution of authority and responsibilities among these constituent elements.
- (3) Recommendations for the proper mechanism for setting tuition and suggestions regarding the proper balance of state general funds and tuition as means of funding postsecondary education.
- (4) Proposals regarding the distribution formula of state general funds and the relative importance of equity and performance in that formula.

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill.

1. Increases the number of Board of Regents' appointees from one to four.

2. Adds the chairmen of the Senate and House education committees and one member from each committee, appointed by the respective chairman, to commission membership.